

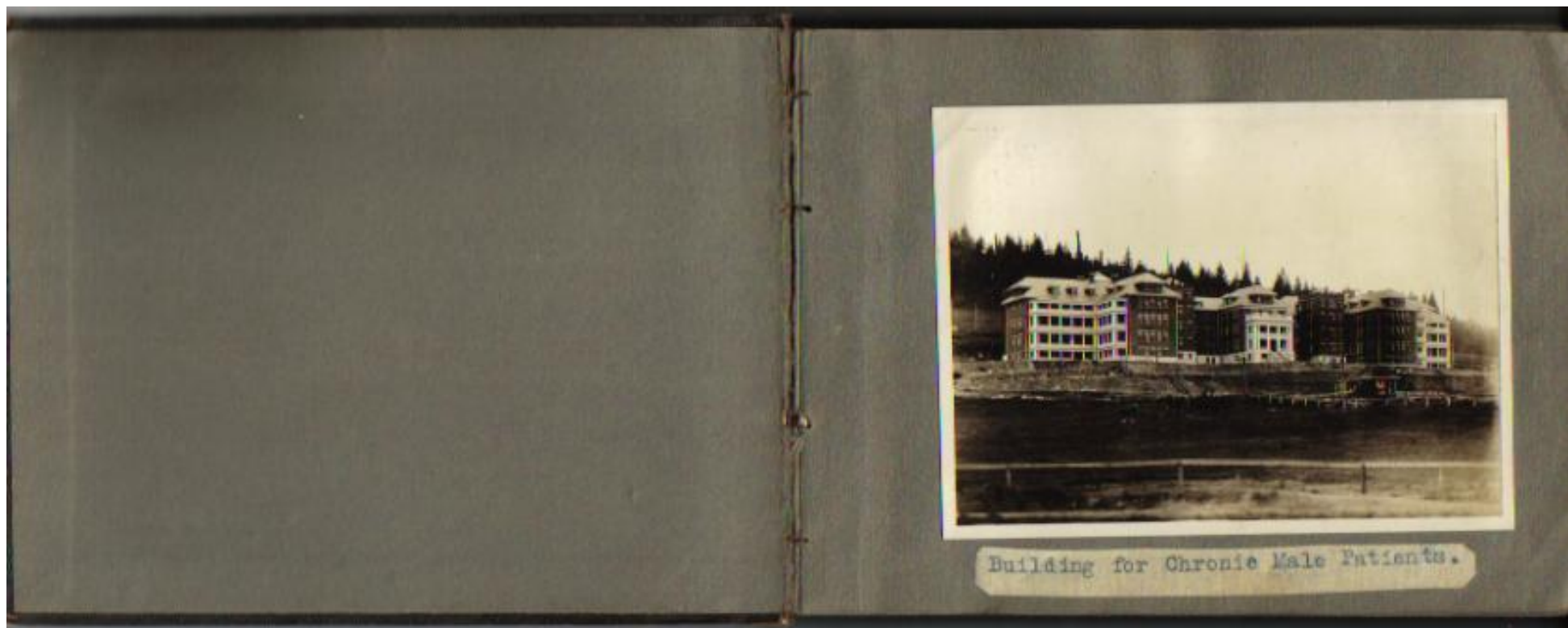


Western Studio 424 Main street, Vancouver, B.C. The logo in the center is composed of an **M** overlaying an **H**, meaning Mental Health. This logo was used extensively to brand the department. Published probably 1912-1913

The photographer was more than likely: Paul Seligman, who was born in France in 1865, and appears in the Vancouver area operating from at least 1911-1915. Next reference to him is found in Oregon in 1917 where he is operating the Bend Studio. In the 1911 directory he is working with (Charles) Brown, Seligman & (Harvey S.) Brown at 440 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C.

I believe that this booklet is probably a commemorative souvenir of the opening of The Male Chronic building at [Essondale](#), later known as simply [West Lawn](#). The photographs on the left side are later additions by [Margaret Anne Mathewson](#) née Simpson (1867-1954), whose grand-daughter graciously donated the booklet to me.

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Building for Chronic Male Patients

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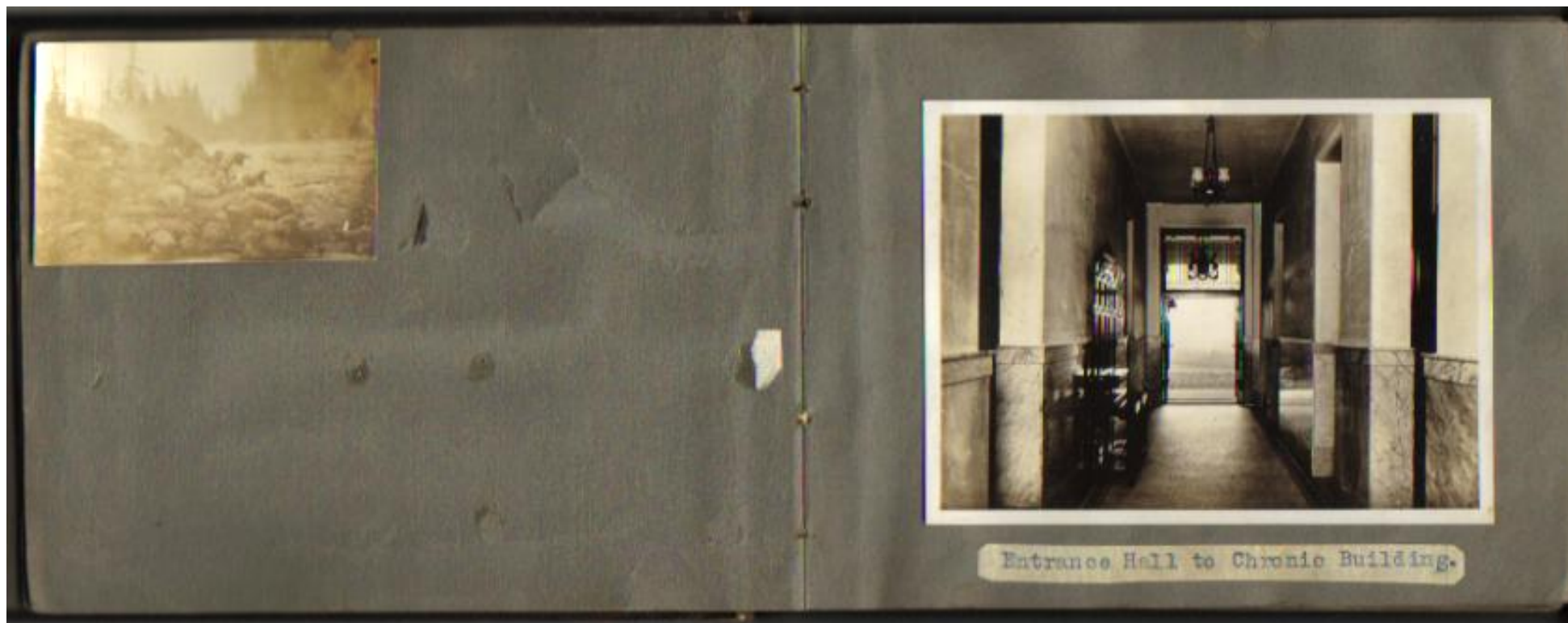


Script on reverse: Dick fishing, June 1918

Staff Officers.

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Script on reverse: Fly and sport, June 1918

Entrance Hall to Chronic Building.

Note: appears to be along the Coquitlam river

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Top Left: Best guess would be Kanaka Creek, Maple Ridge.

Office

Top Right: script on reverse: M.H. Essondale, September 1916

Bottom Left: script on reverse: Fly & Sport, June 1918

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Left: it appears to be a statue in the right rear, possibly Our lady of Fatima. The baby almost looks like a doll, with the closed eyes.

Right: three men standing on two floating logs. Appears to be a local small lake, Munday, Lost, Como lakes? Looks like [Gilbert Mathewson](#) on the Left.

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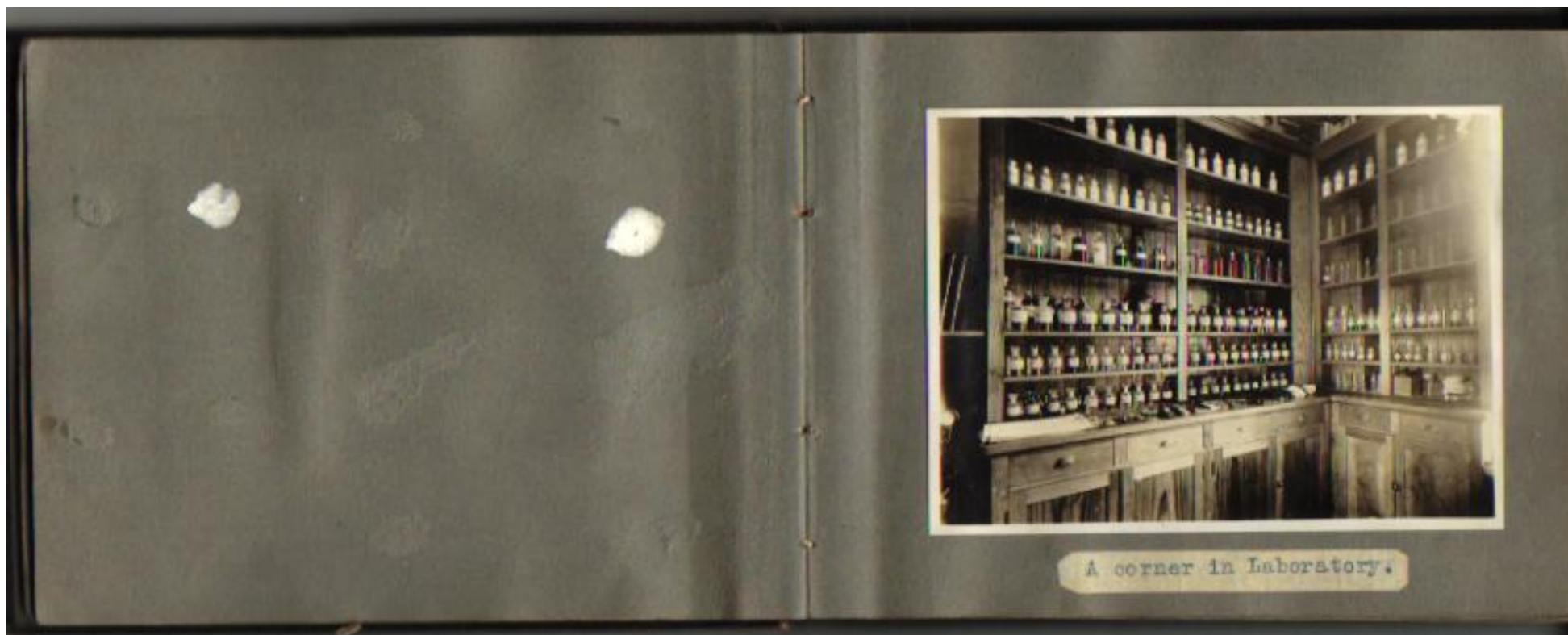
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Reception Room

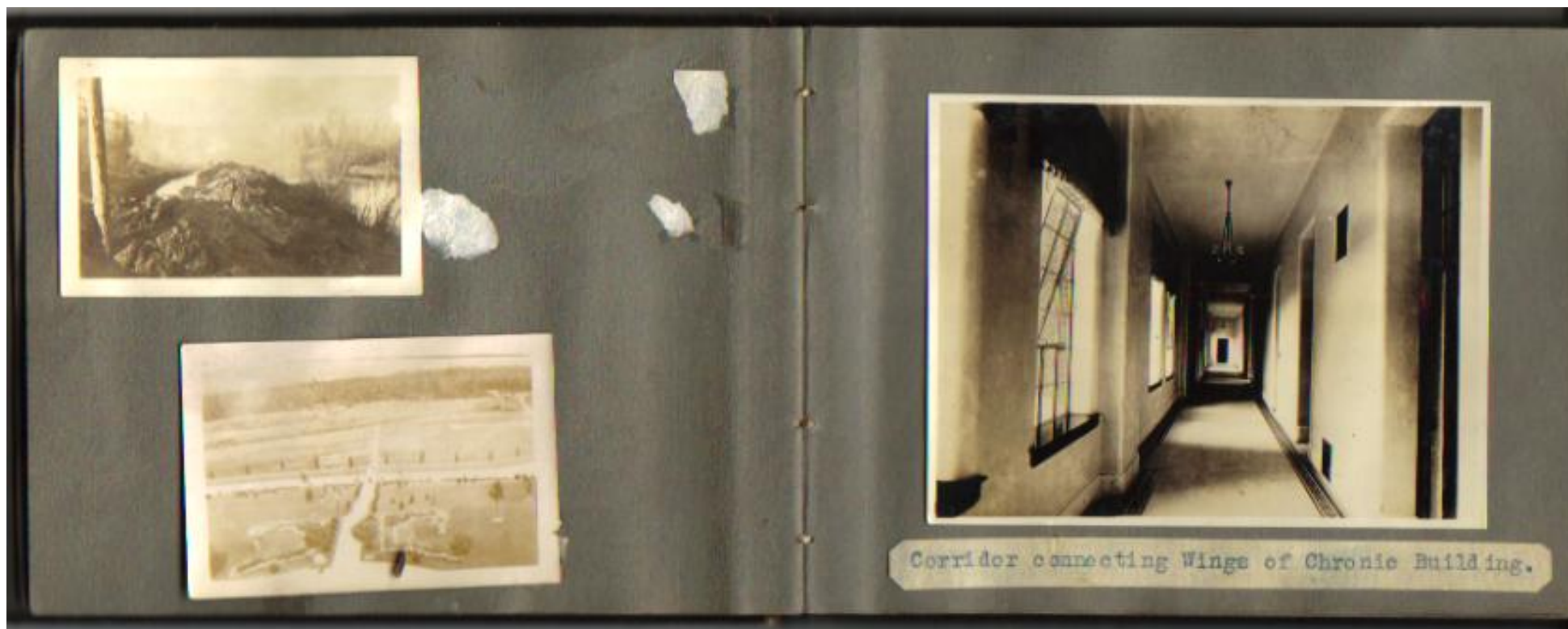
Also in the 1912 Hospital Annual Report:

Reception room, New Mental Hospital, Essondale.

Note: this room is located just inside the main entrance of West Lawn, to the right.



A corner in Laboratory



Top: script on reverse:

The dredge, dyking from the Red bridge January 1917

Bottom: script on reverse:

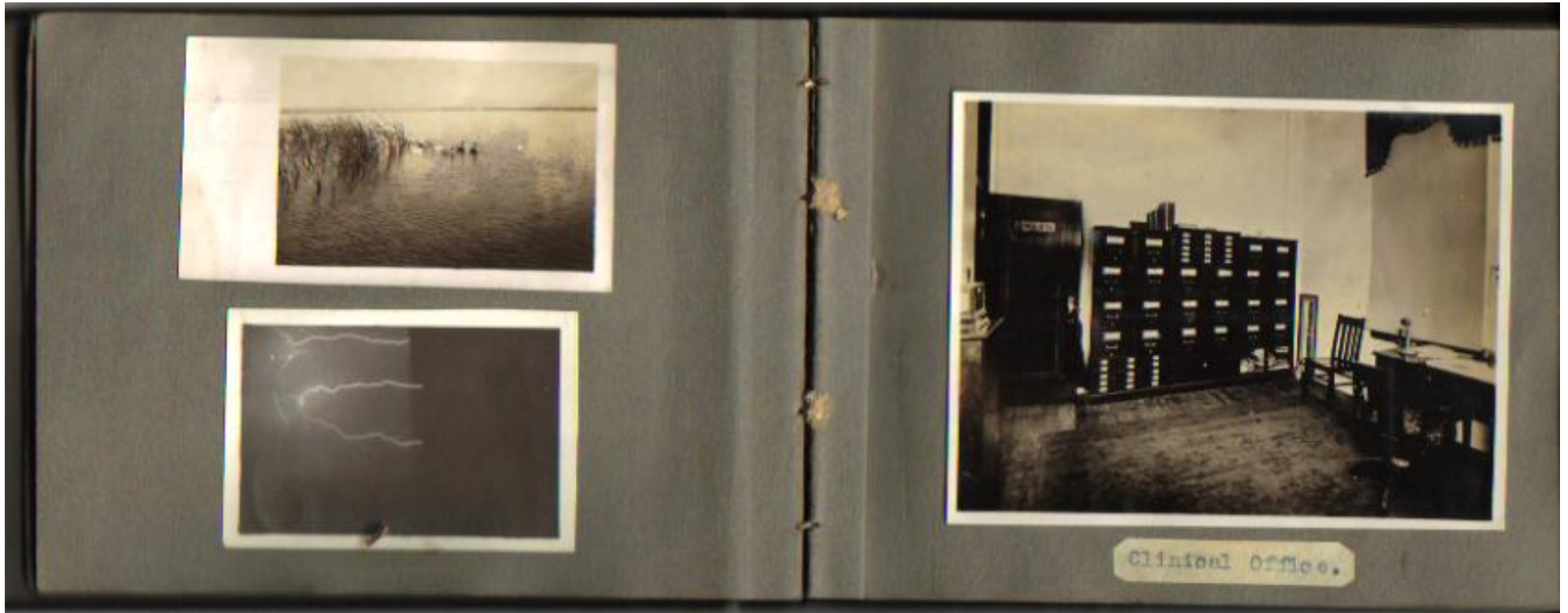
View from balcony of M.H. Essondale, Sept 1916

Corridor connecting Wings of Chronic Building

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Top: script on reverse: Ducks at sail lake Utah 1915

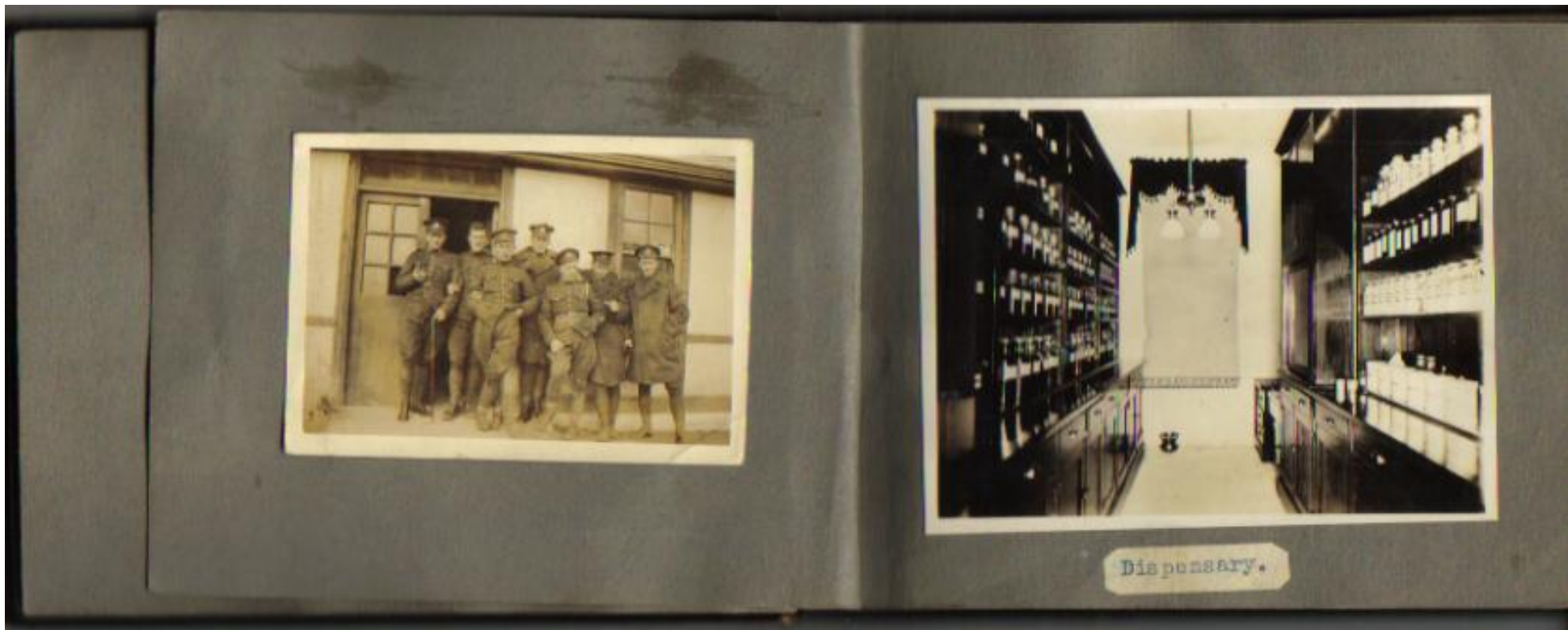
Clinical Office

Bottom: script on reverse: Lightening June 1916

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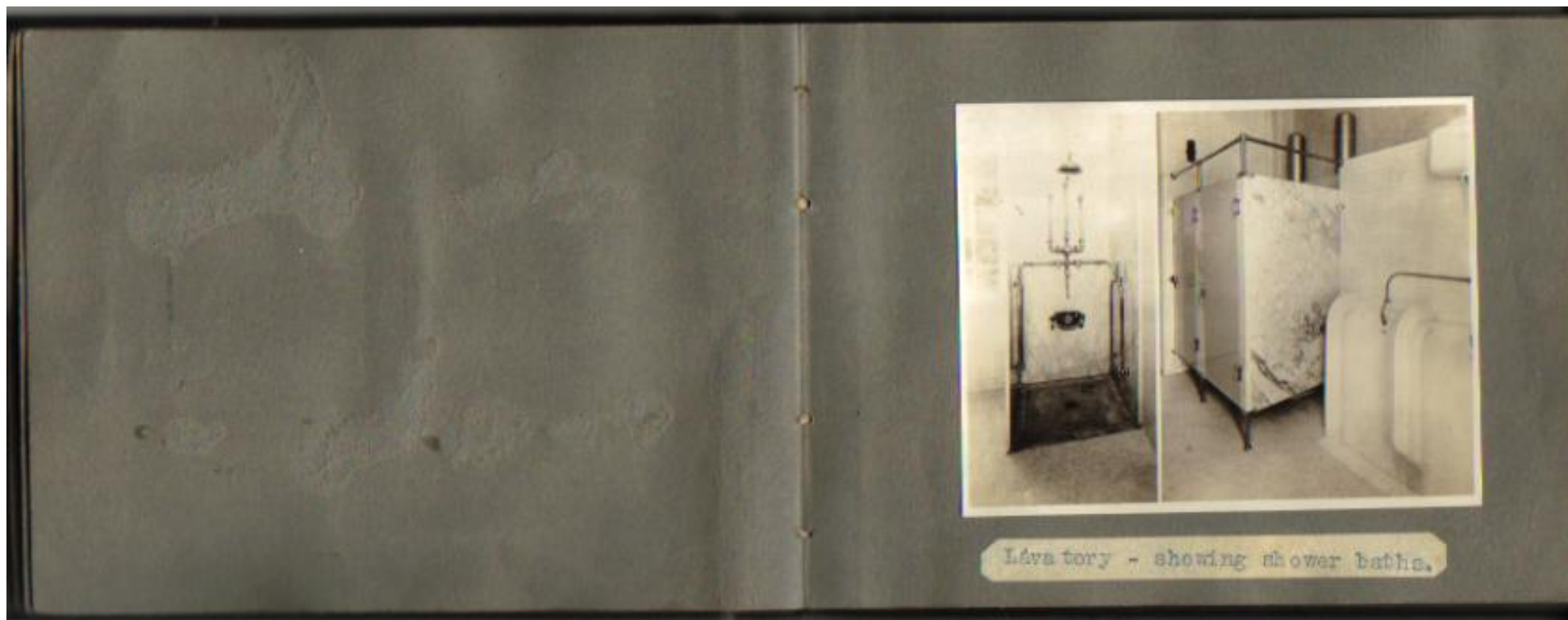
Script on reverse: B.C. Cyclist, England 1917

Note: There is a very high possibility that one of the men in this image is: **Allan MacKenzie Miller**, [540419](#) he is listed on the Essondale Honor roll. Parents: Charles Carver Miller, and Marian Miller. Signed his attestation papers on the 1st of September 1915 at Vancouver, B.C. [Commemoration](#) and [Cause of death register](#) Killed: 29th of August 1918

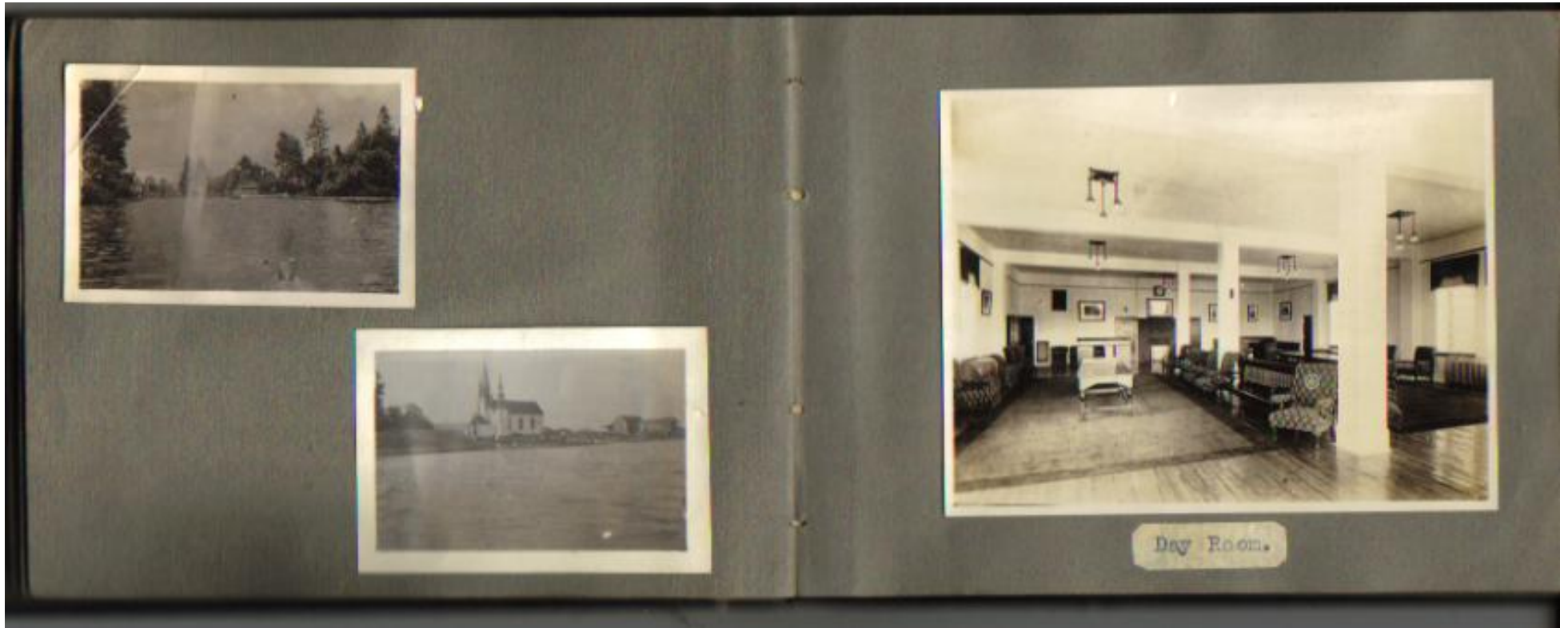
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Pages Seventeen and Eighteen

Dispensary



Lavatory – showing shower baths



Top: script on reverse: view up river July 1917

Bottom: Note: appears to be the Catholic church on the Indian Reserve, No. 1 near the mouth of the Coquitlam River.

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Day Room

Also found in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report; entitled:

Patients' Day-room, New Mental Hospital, Essondale, (West Wing.)



Day Room

Also found in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Patients' Day-room, New Mental Hospital, Essondale, (East Wing.)

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Script on the reverse:

Farm cottage, Essondale, B.C. September 1916

Dormitory

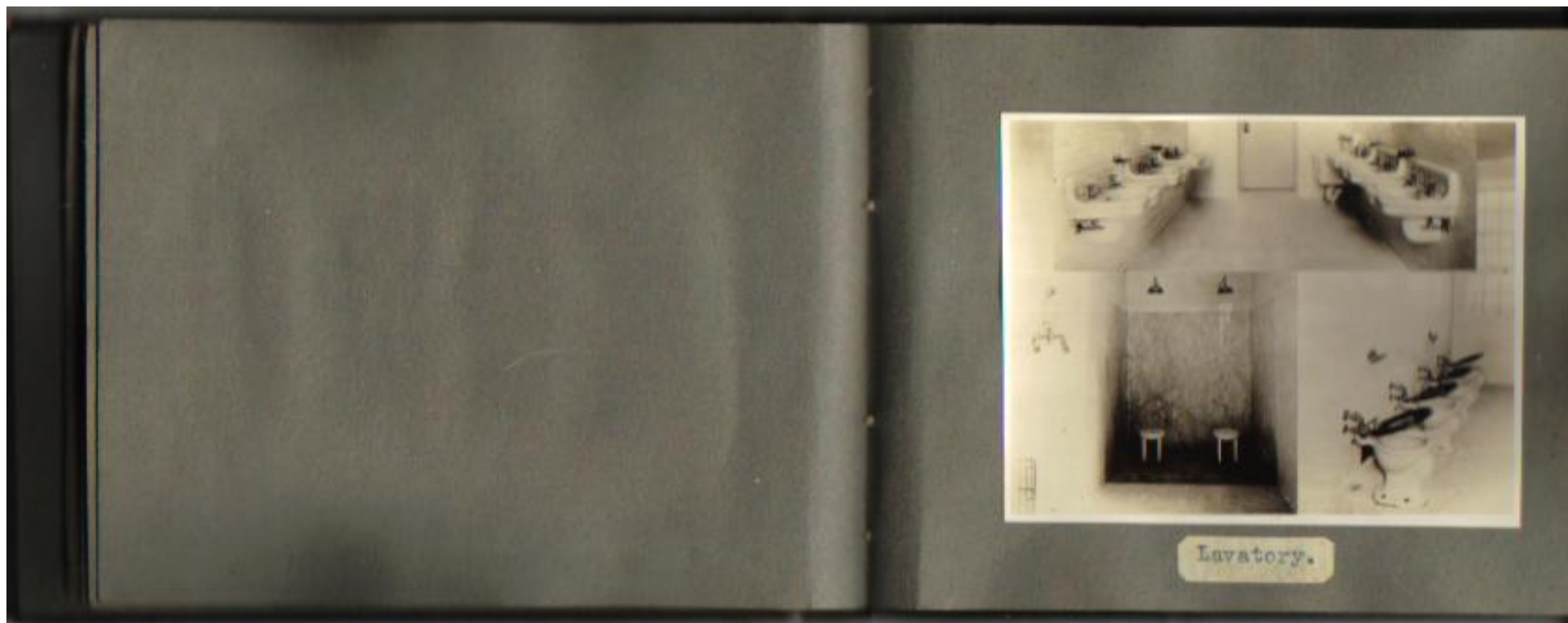
Also found in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Dormitory, New Mental hospital, Essondale.

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Lavatory

Also in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Lavatory apparatus as installed in each ward,
New Mental Hospital

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Bursar's Office

Also in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Clinical Office, New Mental Hospital, Essondale.

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Bursar's Office

Note: seated is Gowan Stainforth MacGowan the bursar

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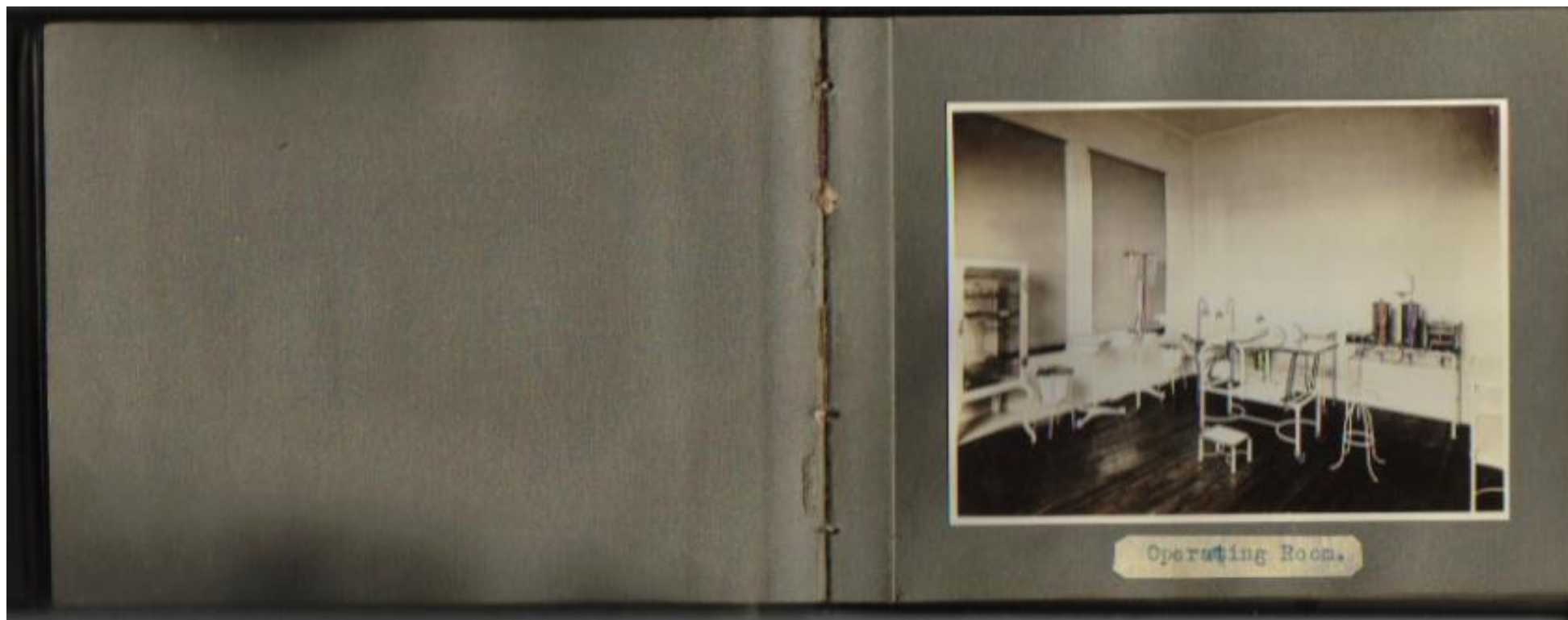


Officers Dining Room.

Officers Dining Room

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Operating Room

Also in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Operating-room, New Mental Hospital, Essondale

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Patients Amusement Room

Also in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

One of the amusement-rooms, New Mental Hospital, Essondale

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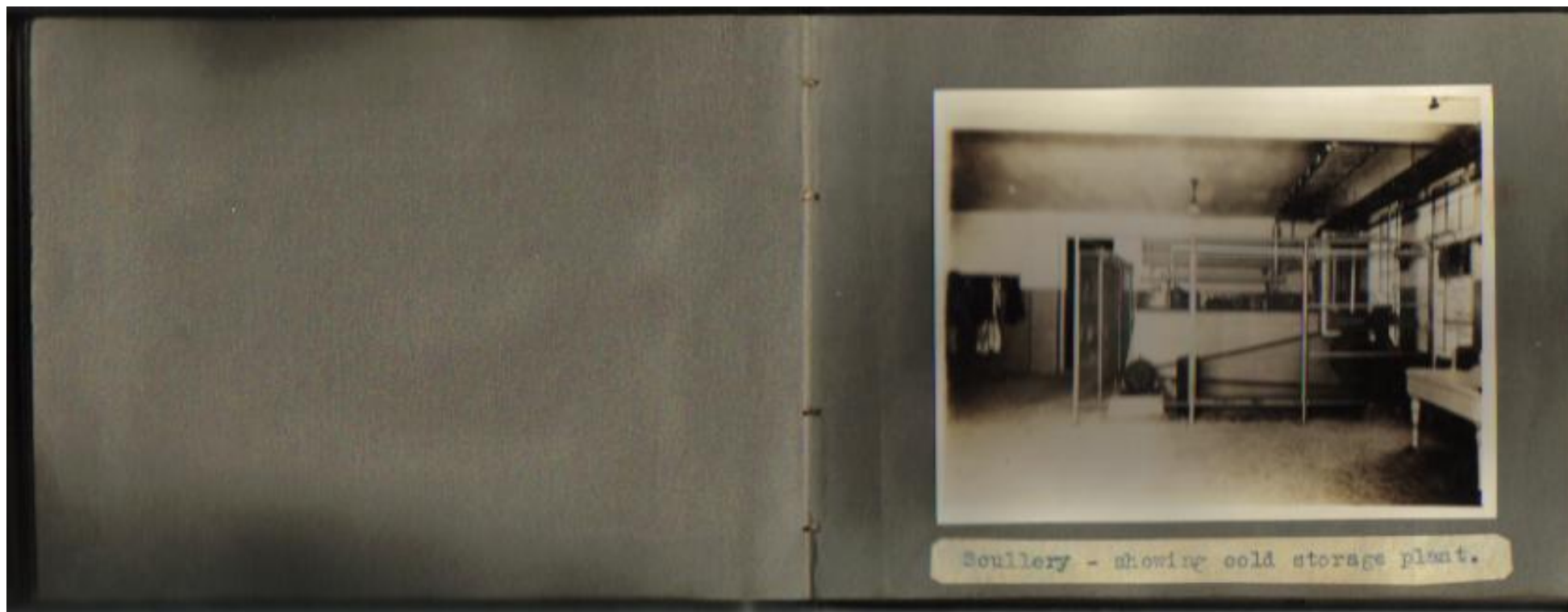
Kitchen

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Kitchen, New Mental Hospital, Essondale.

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Scullery - showing cold storage plant.

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Patients Dining Room

Also in the 1914 Hospital Annual Report:

Patient's congregate Dining-room,
New Mental Hospital, Essondale.

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Patients Dining Room.

Patients Dining Room



Laundry

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Note: also donated was [this photo](#) which has Head Male nurse, [Gilbert Mathewson](#) seated on a dais, at the New Westminster Asylum. ca.1914-1915

Links to more information about [Essondale](#) AKA [Riverview hospital](#) and [Colony Farm](#) and [West Lawn](#), which this little booklet is primarily about.

Scanned by [Niall Williams](#) in May of 2015, Many Thanks to Mary, the grand-daughter who graciously donated the family album to me, so that we could make it live on, and tell more of the story about Riverview hospital, and help to preserve the site for whom it was intended; the health care of the residents of British Columbia.

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